



## Abel Tovar

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

### Seminary Highlight

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**T**oday we want to talk about one of our seminaries — New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary — and I think you can figure out where it's located?

Like the five other Southern Baptist seminaries our church supports, New Orleans trains hundreds of our future pastors, missionaries and church leaders each year. Our church supports all six seminaries through our Cooperative Program giving.

For years, some of the New Orleans faculty and graduates have been helping train pastors in the South American nation of Colombia. Teams have been trekking into the mountains north of Bogotá, the capital city, to lead classes. They have partnered with Scott Lake Baptist Church in Scott Lake, Florida.

Three years ago Abel Tovar was one pastor trying to serve five small churches. But Tovar has been busy training pastors, using what he learned from his New Orleans partners. Now there are six local pastors and others in training. The visiting teachers have counted 800 people attending the six churches and during one recent visit, 16 new members were baptized.

Today let's pray for Pastor Tovar and the great work he is doing in Colombia. And let's give thanks for the fine folks teaching at New Orleans Seminary, that they don't just stand in the classroom, but also take their teaching where it's needed.

